

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY**

Wednesday, December 12, 2007 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Accavitti, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Accavitti, Mayes, Angerer, Brown, Clemente, Ebli, Hammon, Hopgood, Lindberg, Melton, Miller, Nofs, Palsrok, Garfield, Huizenga, Moolenaar, Horn, Opsommer.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Lemmons.

Representative Miller made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of December 6, 2007. No objections being offered, the minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

HB 5524	Accavitti	Public utilities; other; choice in purchase of electricity; modify.
HB 5548	Mayes	Energy; alternative sources; definition of renewable energy resources; clarify.
HB 5549	Palsrok	Energy; electricity; renewable energy portfolio standards; provide alternatives for complying with.
HB 5520	Miller	Public utilities; other; approval of proposed sale of generating plants; provide for.
HB 5521	Gaffney	Public utilities; electric utilities; generation plant and power purchase agreement certification; provide for.
HB 5522	LaJoy	Public utilities; rates; rates to reflect cost of service for each customer class; require.
HB 5523	Clemente	Public utilities; rates; rate implementation if not approved by commission within 90 days; provide for.

The following individuals spoke regarding the legislation before the Committee:

Jeff Metts, representing Dowding Industries, on HB 5548 and HB 5549

Gary Melow, representing Michigan Biomass, in support of HB 5548 and HB 5549

William Stockhausen, representing Elk Rapids Hydroelectric Power, in support of HB 5548 and HB 5549

Terry VanderVeen, representing Noble Environmental Power, in opposition to HB 5524, HB 5523, HB 5522, HB 5521 and HB 5520

Rich VanderVeen, representing Mackinaw Power
Frazier Blaylock, representing Covanta Energy, neutral on HB 5548 and HB 5549
David Joos, representing CMS Energy and Consumers Energy
Anthony Earley, representing DTE Energy

Cards were submitted by the following individuals regarding legislation before the Committee:

Charles Altman, representing the Sierra Club, in support of HB 5525 and in opposition to HB 5548, HB 5549 and HB 5521

Henry L. Anderson, Jr., representing the Greater Detroit Resource Recovery Authority, neutral on HB 5548 and HB 5549

Joe Aristeo, representing the Aristeo Construction Company

Marci Baranski, representing the Michigan Student Sustainability Coalition, in support of HB 5525 and in opposition to HB 5548 and HB 5549 (20% by 2020)

Jane Beckwith, representing the Sierra Club, in support of HB 5525 with HB 4812 and HB 4750 and in opposition to HB 5548 and HB 5549 as written

Rick Coy and Fritz Benson, representing ABATE (the Association of Businesses Advocating Tariff Equity), oppose some bills in package (HB 5520-HB 5524)

Laurie Dermody of Grand Rapids, Michigan, in support of HB 5525, HB 5548 and HB 5549 but with 20% RPS by 2020

Dave Errickson, representing the Sierra Club, in support of HB 5525, in opposition to HB 5548 and HB 5549 and HB 5521

D. James Heaton, representing the Sierra Club, in support of HB 5525 (with HB 4812 and HB 4750) and in opposition to HB 5548, HB 5549 and HB 5521 as written

Joseph Hess, representing the Sierra Club

L.D. Hollenback, representing the Sierra Club, in support of HB 5525

Donald Johns, representing the Michigan Independent Power Producers Association, in support of HB 5548 and HB 5549

Shirley Kallio, in support of HB 5525 and in opposition to HB 5548 and HB 5549 and HB 5521

Martin Kushler, representing ACEEE, in support of HB 5525

Janea Lettle, representing Midland Cares, in support of HB 5525 and in opposition to HB 5521

Bill Lievense, representing Integrys Energy Services, in opposition to HB 5520-HB 5524 and neutral on HB 5548 and HB 5549

Sheila Maltugh of Kentwood, Michigan

Mary Meehan, representing the Sierra Club, in support of HB 5525 and HB 5548 and HB 5549 (need 20% by 2020)

Jay McMurran, representing the United Steelworkers

Nicole Nystrom, representing New Covert and LS Power, in opposition to HB 5520-HB 5525 and HB 5548 and HB 5549

Steve Rall, representing the Sierra Club, in support of HB 5525 and in opposition to HB 5521 and HB 5548 and HB 5549

Phil Ramsey of Elwell, Michigan, in support of HB 5525

William Rittenberg, representing the Sierra Club, in support of HB 5525 and in opposition to HB 5548 and HB 5549 (with 20% RPS by 2020)

Michelle Stamant, representing the Sierra Club, in support of HB 5548 and HB 5549 (20% by 2020)

Eric Schneidewind, representing the Customer Choice Coalition, in opposition to HB 5520-HB 5524

Peter Schroeder of East Lansing, Michigan, in support of HB 5525

Paul Stankewitz, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference, in opposition to HB 5521, HB 5523, and HB 5524

Janessa Strond, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, in opposition to HB 5520-HB 5524 and HB 5548 and HB 5549

Aaron Tabor, representing the Michigan Association of Timbermen and the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association, in support of HB 5548

Peter Wong, representing the Roy Smith Company, in support of HB 5524

Suzette Zelenak, representing the Michigan Cares Organization, in support of HB 5525, HB 5548 and HB 5521

Representative Melton made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Accavitti declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:31 a.m.

Representative Frank Accavitti, Jr., Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk
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